

ROUSING WELCOME TO JOHN MITCHELL

People of Illinois Accord Him a Great Ovation.

THE MINERS CONCLUDE They Have Offered All Their Evidence to the Commission.

PLAIN TALK BY JUDGE GRAY

He Freely Comments Upon the Working of Young Girls in the Mines at Night—Some Testimony that was Quite Shocking to the Commission—To Hear Companies.

(By Associated Press.)

SPRING VALLEY, ILL., December 15.—John Mitchell was given a warm welcome upon his return to his old home to-day. Spring Valley observed the day as a general holiday, and business was suspended in his honor. From nearby towns delegations began arriving at an early hour and joined in the demonstration. It is estimated that 3,000 unionists and citizens took part in the parade, headed by a military band, that escorted the labor leader from the train through the principal business streets.

The feature of the afternoon programme was the presentation of two sets of resolutions, one by citizens and labor organizations of Spring Valley, and the other by the Peru Trades and Labor Council. The former was engraved on a large silver tray, part of a set of five pieces presented to President Mitchell, and dedicated him upon the success achieved for the miners in the Pennsylvania field. The latter resolutions were embossed on aluminum and enclosed in a large frame.

Strike Live Tigated.

(By Associated Press.)

SCRANTON, PA., December 15.—The mine workers, after occupying nineteen days in presenting about 100 witnesses, closed their case before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission late this evening, excepting that they will call one important witness to-morrow morning.

LITTLE GIRLS TESTIFY.

Several little girls employed in silk mills were called to the witness stand to-day, and as a result Chairman Gray plainly gave his opinion of parents who send their children to work at a tender age. Annie Deeks, aged thirteen years, said she worked at night from 6:30 until 6:00 in the morning. She had to stand up all night during her work and received 45 cents a night. When the girl said she was employed at night every member of the commission seemed shocked. Judge Gray appeared especially indignant. He asked where her hands were when she worked, and she told him in the mines. The girl also told the number of persons in the family, and finally Judge Gray said he would like to see the father. "I would like to see the fathers of these girls," he repeated.

JUDGE GRAY'S PLAIN TALK.

"It may be a necessity to send them to the mills, but it doesn't think a father has a right to coin the flesh and blood of his children into money. It's an outrage. I would like to see what instincts he has." The chairman of the commission spoke with much feeling, and his views apparently received the approval of the other commissioners.

Mr. Darrow, for the miners, said it was not altogether the fault of the parents, but the employers are to blame for not paying wages enough to permit a man to keep his children in school.

Judge Gray replied: "That may be, but there are miners who receive enough money to enable them to keep their children out of the workhouse."

Judge Gray turned as to the law in Pennsylvania regarding child labor at night. One statute was found which partially covered the case, and the chairman remarked that it seemed as though the statutes of Pennsylvania in this part of the State do not seem to bother any one.

SENATOR LE CATO WORSE AND LEAVES UNEXPECTEDLY

Senator George W. Le Cato, of Accomac, who defied illness and came to Richmond last week to attend to his duties in the Legislature, suddenly decided to return home last night. A change for the worse is feared to have occurred in his sickness.

TO CANVASS CITY AND WHOLE STATE

Stuart's Followers to Solicit Aid for Monument Everywhere.

CLEVER ARTISTS TO COMPETE

It is Expected that Couper, St. Gaudens, Dimmock and Others will Offer Designs, but Matter has Been Discussed Only Informally.

While the question has not been before the committee of the Stuart Monument Association, from talks with individuals of that body it is practically certain that the design for the Stuart monument will be awarded after a competitive trial. It is expected that Couper, who designed the McGuire monument, will contest; it is learned that St. Gaudens will also, and it would not be very surprising if Captain Dimmock, who is an artist of excellent attainments and who has the advantage that the others have not, of having known Stuart well and seen him often on the battlefield, seated on his horse, will submit a model.

If the decision to permit competition is reached the result will be far-reaching. The association has received an offer of \$10,000 from a gentleman who wishes to select the artist, too, have selected Mr. E. V. Valentine, of this city, to make the model. But if the competitive method is selected he will not do so, as he has made it a rule not to enter into competitions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

The committee held its most important meeting at Lee Camp Hall last night, spending two hours in mapping out plans for raising money for the erection of the monument.

Captain M. J. Dimmock, chairman, who returned Saturday night from Washington, where he attended the convention of the American Institute of Architects, presided. Among those present were Secretary W. Ben Palmer, Treasurer E. A. Catlin, Messrs. Joseph W. Thomas, L. B. Vaughan, Major James R. Werth and Judge E. C. Minor.

WOULD STOP HIS PUPILS FROM SMOKING CIGARETTES

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHESTER, PA., December 15.—Superintendent A. Duncan Youcum, of the public schools, has begun a vigorous campaign against the smoking of cigarettes.

The school collector has been instructed to gather evidence and prosecute all dealers found selling cigarettes to boys under sixteen years of age, and a manifesto has been issued to all the teachers, calling upon them to assist in the crusade.

GAY OLD TIMES AT NEW ORLEANS

People of Crescent City Entertain Their Memphis Neighbors at Dog Fight.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 15.—New Orleans, a suburb of New Orleans, has started a series of big fights as a means of diversion during the winter season. A pit has been constructed and elaborate arrangements made to pull off several notable events in the way of sport.

The contesting sports hall from Memphis and the local suburb. In the first fight the Memphis pug who made any cur, and the McDonoughville dog made three meat of him in a jiffy.

HE COMMITS SUICIDE IN HOTEL CARROLL

HAMPTON HOGE IN WASHINGTON

He is Trying to Get Through a Bill for Roanoke.

ENLARGE FEDERAL BUILDING

Senator Daniel Introduces Two Measures—Lynchburg Wants More Space in Its Federal Building.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—J. Hampton Hoge was a visitor at the Capitol to-day, he having come to Washington to represent the bar of Roanoke in an effort to have another term of the Circuit and District Courts at Roanoke.

Major Otey introduced a bill last year to provide for two terms of these courts at Roanoke and Charlottesville, and also for the appointment of a clerk for each. The bill was favorably reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary, of which Major Otey was a member, and passed the House. Senator Daniel took it up in the Senate, but in the committee Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, amended it so that a deputy clerk was provided for instead of a clerk, and only one term of court was allowed each year. The bill became a law with the Hoar amendment.

BILL INTRODUCED.

At a meeting of the Roanoke Bar Association held recently a committee was appointed to take up the matter with Congress, and Mr. Hoge was made chairman of the committee. He has come to Washington, and this morning conferred with Representative Glass and Senator Martin, whom he asked to introduce a bill in the House and Senate providing for a clerk instead of deputy clerk. Mr. Glass introduced the bill into the House to-day and Senator Martin will take it up in the Senate at once.

It is thought that Senator Hoar's change in the bill was due to the custom which prevails in Massachusetts, of having a deputy clerk for such terms of court instead of a clerk, and that when he understands that the custom is different in Virginia he will allow a clerk to be appointed.

LYNCHBURG PUBLIC BUILDING.

Senator Daniel introduced to-day a bill for the enlargement of the public building at Lynchburg. The building contains the court room, clerk's office, post-office and internal revenue office. The public business has doubled since the erection of the building and the offices are now exceedingly cramped.

Senator Daniel asked an appropriation of \$50,000. He also introduced a bill to pension Mrs. E. M. Horner, widow of Assistant-Surgeon Frederick H. Horner, of Fauquier county.

TO PAY FOR KILLING OF TWO ITALIAN CITIZENS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The President to-day transmitted to the Senate a report from the Secretary of State in regard to the killing by a mob, on July 11, 1901, of two Italians at Erwin, Mass.

HATS-OFF LAW MAY BE ENACTED

Councilman James M. N. Allen Will Introduce One Shortly.

Councilman James M. N. Allen, of Marshall Ward, made known his intention yesterday afternoon of introducing at the next meeting of the Common Council an ordinance requiring the ladies to remove their hats during all performances in the theatres of the city. He is in earnest about the matter, and in the event the bill becomes a law it is his intention to see that it is rigidly enforced by the management of the local playhouses.

Mr. Allen states positively that between now and the January meeting of the Council he will get copies of similar ordinances in other cities, and then have the City Attorney prepare one to cover every phase of the matter. It is quite probable that the measure will be so drawn as to penalize the house managers instead of the hat wearers, at the same time authorizing the former to have ejected from their theatres such people as refuse to conform with the law. In other words, unless managers require every one in an audience to remove their hats it will be up to the police to report them for the violation.

J. Boothroyd Taylor, of Pitts- sylvania, Takes His Life.

WELL KNOWN IN SOCIETY

For Years He Lived in Lynchburg and Was Very Popular.

CAUSED BY FINANCIAL LOSSES

He was the Son of the Late John C. Taylor and Inherited a Large and Valuable Estate, but had Lost It. Had Been in the Best of Spirits for Several Days in Lynchburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 15.—J. Boothroyd Taylor, for many years a well known resident of Lynchburg, committed suicide last night in the writing-room of Hotel Carroll. All of yesterday he seemed to be bright and cheerful and apparently in the best of spirits, and even up to the last moment he slipped a friend's shoulder and in his well known genial manner expressed thanks for a kindly remark. At half-past seven o'clock he entered the writing-room and took a seat on a big leather chair in the corner. Leaning slightly forward, he placed the pistol to his right temple and sent the ball of a thirty-eight calibre revolver crashing through his head. He fell back in the chair unconscious and in a few moments was dead.

For several years past Taylor has been connected with the iron mines at Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania county, with his friend, J. Risque Hutter. He came to Lynchburg on last Wednesday and spent his holiday with friends. He was one of the most popular young men that ever resided in Lynchburg. Three letters were found on his person, one addressed to F. Lee Sergeant John M. Seay, Mr. Joseph Shaffer, secretary and treasurer of the Iron Club, and Mr. Hutter. In the letter to Sergeant Seay Taylor directed the Sergeant to take charge of the remains, and to see that they were interred in a rich and simple manner. His letter to Mr. Shaffer had reference to a business matter. The contents of the letter to Mr. Hutter are not known.

DEACON'S FAMILY CHOSE THE WRONG UNDERTAKER

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 15.—The pastor of the First Baptist Church (colored), in this city, would not allow the funeral of Spencer Green, an old and respected colored man, who for many years had been a deacon in the First Baptist Church, to be held in that church, because his family chose an undertaker who was not a member of his congregation. The funeral took place from the Tabernacle, on Halifax Street.

CAME TO RESCUE OF MONEY MARKET

Morgan and Others Prepared to Lend \$50,000,000 and Will Charge Low Interest Rate

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A number of banks in this city and J. P. Morgan and Company have formed a pool of \$50,000,000 to lend in the money market in the event of actual emergency.

The pool was organized by George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank, and J. P. Morgan, president of the National City Bank, the Chase City Bank, the National Bank of Commerce, the Hanover National Bank, the Fourth National Bank and the Western National Bank have pledged themselves for \$10,000,000 each.

CLAIMS BIG FORTUNE OVER IN ENGLAND

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BALTIMORE, MD., December 15.—William Marshall Young, who until a week ago was private secretary to William Randall, of the old Bay Line, left last evening to lay claim to a fortune of \$375,000 left to him by an uncle in England.

Mr. Young heard immediately after the death of his uncle, whose name he gave little attention to the matter until Monday, when he received a letter from his brother, Thomas Young, of Toronto, Ontario, confirming the news. Mr. Young resigned his office, and with Dr. Percy Stonbury left yesterday for Toronto. Thence they will go to London. Mr. Young has been notified through his London solicitors that he has only to ask for the fortune.

PRESIDENT CASTRO TO MINISTER BOWEN



"CAN'T THIS BE ARBITRATED."—Baltimore Herald.

LANGDON OUT OF SYNDICATE, SAYS A NEW YORK RUMOR

Report that the Head of the Merchants Trust Company Has Withdrawn His Interest in the Street Railway Properties of Richmond.

The report comes from New York that Edward Langdon, president of the Merchants' Trust Company, which financed the deal by which all the street railway and electric properties of Richmond were consolidated some months ago, has, with those interested with him, withdrawn from the syndicate, which has such extensive property holdings here.

It was impossible to confirm this report last night, either in Richmond or New York, but color is given to it by the presence in New York at this time of Mr. Fritz Stittinger, president of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, and Mr. Miles M. Martin, leading counsel here for the corporation. These gentlemen have been in New York for several days, and their visit may have been occasioned by such an unexpected turn in affairs, as special advisers from the metropolis indicate they have taken place.

Major James D. Patton, the highest official here of the consolidated concern, when seen late last night, seemed very much puzzled by the telegram from New York. He said if the Langdon interests had withdrawn he had not been advised of the fact. He admitted, however, that a meeting of the local Board of Directors, which was to have been held yesterday morning, had to be deferred because of the unexplained absence of Messrs. Stittinger and Martin.

Mr. Spencer, auditor of the company and recognized as the personal representative in this city of Mr. George E. Fisher, spent a part of last week in New York, but whether his visit had anything to do with changes in the financial affairs of the corporation is not known. Mr. Langdon is one of the New York financiers through whom the negotiations for the consolidation of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, with all the allied enterprises of both, were conducted. He was supposed to represent the Goulds and other men of wealth who have been thought to be the associates of Mr. Fisher and Dr. Mann in their extensive dealings in street railway and electric properties in Virginia.

BROWN UNIVERSITY TO PLAY THE UNIVERSITY TEAM

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 15.—Brown University baseball team gives out

BOYS ARRESTED FOR CAR ROBBERY

Caught by Night Watchman in the Act of Entering a Car.

An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob a box car in the Chesapeake and Ohio yards just a few minutes before a through freight was to leave for the East, and as a result James Hackett, Joe Heckman and Watt Adams, all well known white boys not over twenty-years of age, occupy cells at the First Police Station on the serious charge of car breaking. They will be arraigned in the Police Court this morning, when the officers think they will have little trouble in securing a conviction, resulting in the lads being sent to the penitentiary for a term.

While passing through the yards last night Night Watchman Richardson was attracted by the peculiar action of three boys and he watched them. Finally, so he claims, they sounded one of the cars, and finding it loaded with merchandise, broke the seal on the sliding door. They were in the act of entering the car to get away with their booty when he stepped out from the cover of darkness, covering them with a revolver. The three submitted to arrest quietly, and with the watchman went to the First Police Station, where they were jailed for the night.

All of the boys refuse to talk concerning the robbery, and the case is regarded as a sad one by the officers, for all of the lads come of good families.

IS NOT DEALING WITH POOR SPAIN

So States Italian Statesman in Chamber of Deputies.

VENEZUELA WANTS PEACE

Appeals to London to Settle the Dispute Without War.

BOMBARDMENT OF PUERTO

Guns Were Simply Aimed at Forts and No Attempt Was Made to Destroy Buildings in the Town—Italy Unites in Demanding a Settlement of Her Claims.

(Cable by Associated Press.)

ROME, December 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies Foreign Minister Prinetti reviewed the causes leading up to German-Italian action, and said: "Italy on her side claims damages for her citizens who sustained losses during the insurrection which has disturbed the Republic since April, the Italian Minister at Caracas having exhausted all efforts to bring about a friendly adjustment, presented a list of claims, reduced to a minimum of \$30,000,000."

Continuing, the foreign minister said as soon as he was informed of the Anglo-German action he addressed London and Berlin, proposing to participate in the measures those countries were about to undertake to collect similar claims, and his proposition was favorably received.

The prime minister was followed by Deputy Santini, who expressed confidence in the government's policy, and urged accord with Germany and Great Britain. The deputy warned the Italian Government not to make the United States, whose imperialism is a political and commercial menace to Europe, but especially to Italy, the weakest of the great powers.

Deputy Santini declared that the energetic attitude of Germany and Great Britain had sent the Monroe doctrine sky-high, as the United States understood it was not dealing with poor Spain.

VENEZUELAN MATTER IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, December 15.—The House of Commons was crowded this evening to hear the debate on the Venezuelan matter. Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for the Foreign Office, in reply to Liberal criticism said that Great Britain had to perform police duty among the nations and had no choice but to enforce from breaking the law of nations. The United States took the sensible view that Venezuela should meet her engagements. Great Britain's course was no infraction of the Monroe Doctrine. "Our country has been more anxious than Great Britain," said Lord Cranborne, "to assist the Government in maintaining that doctrine."

This remark was greeted with cheers. Lord Cranborne said also that the blockade would be carried out with every regard for the interests of neutrals. The Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, then voiced his strong dissatisfaction with Lord Cranborne's speech. He complained of the lack of information about the German and British claims, which he said seemed to be on a different footing. The speaker said he was an advocate of the best possible feeling between the two countries but that in this matter Great Britain seemed to be bound hand and foot to Germany.

EQUATOR SYMPATHIZES WITH VENEZUELA

(By Associated Press.)

GUAYAQUIL, EQUADOR, December 15.—A patriotic demonstration took place here to-night. A large number of people had gathered in the main square to support the Venezuelan and to all the South American contingents shouting: "Long live Castro," "Long live Venezuela," and "Long live the South American countries." The participants in the demonstration before dispersing adopted a resolution asking President Plazo to protest officially against the action of the allied powers.

A VENEZUELAN VESSEL NOW FLIES GERMAN FLAG

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, December 15.—Lieutenant-Commander Tuck, the first officer of the German cruiser Gazelle, has taken command of the captured Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, which is now flying the German flag. So soon as the Restaurador has completed her equipment at Port of Spain, the British command will be utilized in the German operations against Venezuela.

A REQUEST FOR PEACFUL SETTLEMENT IS RECEIVED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, December 15.—An expression of a desire for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties has been received in London from the Venezuelan Government.

It was learned this evening that the proposals now before the British Government are the original proposals forwarded by Minister Bowen, but which now have received a strong support from the United States Government.

The under foreign secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the House of Commons to-day that the British command was to be utilized for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

THE WAR MAY GIVE AWAY TO PEACFUL METHODS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, December 15.—The Associated Press has reason to believe that orders will or have been sent to the British commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present, pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal for arbitration. This came in the

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